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These are believed to list all of the prior art cited in the parent application, Serial No. 08/399,854 filed March 7, 1995. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(d), a "copy of any patent, publication, or other information listed in an information disclosure statement is not required to be provided if it was previously cited by or submitted to the office in a prior application" so long as the prior application is identified and relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 USC 120. Copies of prior art listings (PTO-892 and 1449) are attached for the Examiner's

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